

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

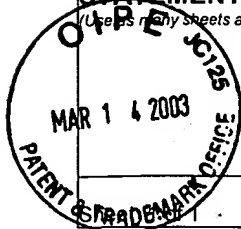
Substitute for form 1449A/PTO
**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Complete if Known

Application Number	09/884434
Filing Date	June 19, 2001
First Named Inventor	Mazzocchi, Rudy
Group Art Unit	3739
Examiner Name	Ruddy, David

Attorney Docket No: 723.020US1



RECEIVED
MAR 20 2003
TECHNOLOGY CENTER-R3700

US PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial *	USP Document Number	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of cited Document	Class	Subclass	Filing Date If Appropriate
MP	US-1,352,978	09/14/1920	Lantieri, F., et al.			02/05/1920
	US-3,326,217	06/20/1967	Kerr, H.	428	325	04/27/1964
	US-3,518,993	05/01/1967	Blake, L.	128	321	07/07/1970
	US-4,024,868	05/24/1977	Williams, R.	128	325	10/06/1975
	US-4,440,170	04/03/1984	Golden, D., et al.	128	325	03/06/1979
	US-4,478,219	10/23/1984	Rozario, R., et al.	128	325	03/24/1982
	US-4,527,562	07/09/1985	Mericle, R.	128	325	04/05/1983
	US-4,681,107	07/21/1987	Kees, Jr., G., et al.	428	325	12/31/1985
	US-4,943,298	07/24/1990	Fujita, S., et al.	606	158	06/02/1989
	US-4,966,603	10/30/1990	Focelle, D., et al.	606	158	07/24/1989
	US-5,201,746	04/13/1993	Shichman, D.	606	151	10/16/1991
	US-5,234,449	08/10/1993	Bruker, I., et al.	606	158	07/16/1992
	US-5,304,188	04/19/1994	Marogil, J.	606	157	01/26/1993
	US-5,354,306	10/11/1994	Garvey, III, T., et al.	606	157	06/14/1993
	US-535,798	03/12/1895	Hawkes, J.			04/20/1894
MP	US-5,520,701	05/28/1996	Lerch, K.	606	142	06/15/1994

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Foreign Document No	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of cited Document	Class	Subclass	T ²
MP	EP-0178469	04/23/1986	Deniega, J.	A61B	17/12	
MP	EP-0630615	07/29/1998	Lerch, K.	A61B	17/12	

OTHER DOCUMENTS -- NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ²
--------------------	-----------------------	-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	----------------

EXAMINER

DATE CONSIDERED

9/2/03

Substitute Disclosure Statement Form (PTO-1449)

* EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 809. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. 1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional) 2 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached